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The heart of Boulder is our award winning Downtown. Boulder's small businesses are the life blood of our community and give Boulder the special sense of place that is loved by residents and visitors alike. For more than 50 years, Boulder residents have relied on the Boulderado, McGuckins Hardware, and The Sink. The Pearl Street Mall and our Downtown, both easily accessible by pedestrians, drivers and bicyclists, are national models of smart urban development. The eclectic mix of housing, independent retailers and commercial enterprises give Boulder an economic driver that many larger communities envy.

I congratulate my fellow Boulderites on 150 years of progress and prosperity, and look forward with great anticipation of what the future holds for our diverse and vibrant community.

Happy Birthday, Boulder.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Mr. LOBIONDO. Madam Speaker, as per the requirements of the Republican Conference Rules on earmarks, I secured the following earmarks in H.R. 2996:

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02) (along with Reps. ADLER, SIREN and ROTHMAN)

Bill Number: HR 2996

Account: Fish and Wildlife Service, Land Acquisition

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New Jersey Audubon Society

Address of Requesting Entity: 11 Hardscrabble Road, Bernardsville, NJ 09724.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$1,100,000 for a land acquisition project at Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge.

Requesting Member: Congressman FRANK LOBIONDO (NJ-02) (along with Reps. SIREN and ROTHMAN)

Bill Number: HR 2996

Account: Fish and Wildlife Service, Land Acquisition

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New Jersey Audubon Society

Address of Requesting Entity: 11 Hardscrabble Road, Bernardsville, NJ 09724.

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$2,000,000 for a land acquisition project at National Wildlife Refuge.

#### HOMAGE TO MR. GEORGE A. DALLEY

### HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Ms. CLARKE. Madam Speaker, I rise today extremely humbled and privileged to pay homage to Mr. George A. Dalley, who will retire as

Counsel and Chief of Staff to the Honorable CHARLES B. RANGEL of the 15th Congressional District of New York. Chairwoman, anyone who has worked with Mr. Dalley, knows that he is extremely fond of CONGRESSIONAL RECORDS. So it is more than appropriate that I submit my sentiments and testimony about him into the RECORD for posterity.

George A. Dalley is not only a highly-successful leader and an amazing human being, he has been a true supporter and friend to all who have crossed his path. I especially feel blessed to have him serve as my mentor and advisor, who was integral in helping me acclimate and adapt to the rigors of Congress, even before I arrived in D.C. I am also blessed to share with Mr. Dalley a rich Jamaican heritage and common lineage. The pride he exhibits in heritage and his work with the Caribbean American community has truly been an inspiration and motivation for my advocacy on behalf of Caribbean Americans across this nation and their countries of origin.

General Douglas McArthur once said, "A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the quality of his actions and the integrity of his intent."

Mr. George A. Dalley, your example has been a guide to us here on Capitol Hill and your leadership is an example for generations to come. I wish you all the best in the next stage of your life. Your presence on the Hill will sorely be missed.

#### THE AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY AND SECURITY ACT OF 2009

### HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, the Congress would be unwise to sit by and simply allow the Environmental Protection Agency to regulate a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, as the agency has been mandated to do by the Supreme Court. Similarly, it would be a mistake to sit back and allow other countries to devise international rules that will affect America's economic and energy interests.

I do not agree with those who advocate for sitting on our hands and just saying NO to everything, sight unseen. The international community has no interest in protecting American businesses, and the Environmental Protection Agency is not required by the Supreme Court to consider the views of our constituents or the economic consequences to our communities.

I believe America is the one nation best equipped to lead such a multinational effort and, in doing so, to strike a balance between environmental preservation and the preservation of jobs. The hands-off approach of recent years did nothing to help promote new energy technologies, or to advance carbon capture and sequestration, or to protect American jobs.

It is evident that wishing that this complex issue would simply go away will not lead to

better results for our Nation or the people we represent. And "just saying no" to any and all proposals, sight unseen, is unrealistic and irresponsible.

For those reasons, I chose to work with my colleagues and with numerous stakeholders—including the coal industry, manufacturers, and labor—to positively influence this bill and America's climate change strategies. And for those reasons our coal miners and responsible industry members have been at the table, too, rather than on the sidelines.

I thank Chairman WAXMAN, who has made many concessions in this bill, and I thank leadership for listening to my concerns about this legislation and moving to help address them.

As well, I commend my colleague RICK BOUCHER, from southwestern Virginia, who serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee and worked in determined fashion to make improvements to the bill that we both sought. I am grateful that he has been so welcoming of my views and supportive of our interests—such as ensuring the availability of \$10 billion to advance carbon capture and sequestration technologies and other changes that are beneficial to the people of our neighboring districts.

While this bill is greatly improved from the discussion draft that was first circulated in March of this year—and opponents were saying NO even before that draft was written—more improvements are needed to gain my support.

Coal does much more than keep the lights on in big cities across America. In my district, it covers the mortgage, puts food on the family dinner table, and keeps open the doors of small businesses. While the emissions target in the early years of this program has been lowered from the 20% cap initially contained in this bill, there remains widespread concern that even the reduced cap—17% in 2020—is still too high and too soon to incentivize rapid development and deployment of carbon capture and sequestration technologies, so as to ensure coal mining jobs for the future. We must allow time for expensive clean coal technologies to come on line.

These technologies are critical to lowering emissions across multiple sectors of our economy. And they are necessary for keeping hardworking coal miners in the jobs they want, providing power for the country they love.

Madam Speaker, today, I cannot cast my vote for this bill.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 25, 2009*

Mr. CROWLEY. Madam Speaker, on June 25, 2009, I was absent for eight rollcall votes because I was in a meeting at the White House with President Obama on immigration reform. If I had been here, I would like the RECORD to reflect that I would have voted:

Yes on rollcall vote 453, Yes on rollcall vote 454, No on rollcall vote 455, No on rollcall vote 456, Yes on rollcall vote 457, Yes on rollcall vote 458, No on rollcall vote 459, and Yes on rollcall vote 460.